

HILLSDALE FARMER DIES BENEATH CAR HURLED OFF ROAD; TWO ARE INJURED

FRESH HUNT FOR LOONEY UNDER WAY

Reported Hiding Under Heavy Guard on Ranch in New Mexico.

The United States marshal at Springfield has been notified of the communication between the Rock Island police department and Sheriff J. C. Wynn of Farmington, N. M., relative to the whereabouts of John Looney and requested to ask the United States marshal at Santa Fe, N. M., to investigate.

The telegram received yesterday by Chief of Police William Fitzsimmons from Sheriff Wynn, inquiring if Looney was wanted, was turned over to William A. Schroder, assistant United States district attorney. He immediately communicated with the marshal's office at Springfield, believing that the information from Farmington is worth putting federal officers on the trail. Mr. Schroder said this morning that the United States marshal at Santa Fe will be instructed to get in touch with Sheriff Wynn and learn what information that official has about Looney. As soon as Chief Fitzsimmons received the telegram from Farmington he wired his reply, stating that Looney was wanted on state and federal warrants. Late yesterday afternoon Sheriff Wynn replied. His second telegram to Rock Island follows:

"Will be very difficult matter to get Looney. We want positive assurance of reward. He is well hidden in a very rough place." The first telegram of inquiry from Sheriff Wynn asked if a reward had been offered for Looney's capture.

Farmington, N. M., is between 75 and 100 miles west of Monera, N. M., where Looney receives his mail addressed to Horse Lake ranch, his property. Horse Lake ranch is approximately 40 miles south of the border line of Colorado and in the eastern part of New Mexico. The fact that Chief Fitzsimmons received a reply to his telegram, which was addressed to Sheriff Wynn at Farmington, tends to disprove the theory that the sheriff's name might have been used by some one else.

District Attorney Schroder believes that the reliability of the information from Farmington can be determined by speedy investigation by federal officers. If Sheriff Wynn can cast any light on Looney's hiding place, Mr. Schroder is confident the United States marshal at Santa Fe can receive it and act accordingly without considering a reward. He has also requested the Springfield office to instruct the department of justice to dispatch operatives immediately into the vicinity of Horse Lake ranch.

According to reports which Mr. Schroder has received, Looney is hiding on his ranch in a particularly wild locality. It is known that that section of New Mexico is wild, sparsely settled stretch of country where are familiar with its geography. Mr. Schroder said he has heard that Looney is entrenched in a hill on his land and has

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Fear Man is Trapped by Mine Blaze

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 28.—Charles Finley, mine examiner, is reported missing in a fire which started in the Lexington (Ill.) coal mine at 5 o'clock this morning. All the miners escaped.

The fire started from an explosion while Finley was in the mine examining it previous to the men going to work. Ed Hewitt, mine feeder, was with Finley. Hewitt was hurled about forty feet, and although seriously hurt, he crawled to the shaft and gave the signal.

Fifteen men entered the mine to look for Finley, but could not search because of the gas. Several of the men were overcome, but rescued.

The mine rescue squad from Springfield was called.

At 1 o'clock the mine rescue squad had not arrived. All hope of rescuing Finley alive was abandoned.

The mine is 900 feet deep, the second deepest in the state. The fire is said to be about 1,500 feet north of the shaft.

PREMIERS MEET WITHOUT ITALY

Paris, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports received by the French foreign office of conversations with Premier Mussolini in Rome, were said today to indicate that the Italian premier may be prevented by interior politics from attending next Tuesday's conference of premiers in Paris.

It was added that Signor Mussolini expressed an earnest desire to be assured that the Paris conference would accomplish something toward final settlement of the reparations problem.

BERNHARDT IS BETTER TODAY

Paris, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of Sarah Bernhardt, showed marked improvement today. The doctors believe she is out of danger, but she must remain in bed for some days, perhaps a week.

Madame Bernhardt received her son, Maurice, this morning. Coincidentally with the improvement in the actress' condition, her aged butler, Arthur, who has been with her for 45 years, has become seriously ill. He was stricken with pneumonia as a result of his long night vigils to attend Madame Bernhardt's needs.

APPROVE GREAT WESTERN BONDS

Washington, Dec. 28.—Permission was granted the Chicago, Great Western railroad today by the interstate commerce commission to issue \$1,026,000 in 4 per cent first mortgage bonds and \$3,580,000 in preferred stock. The railroad proposes to use the new securities in acquiring an outstanding issue of \$12,000,000 in 4 per cent bonds of the Mason City & Fort Dodge railroad, which is a subsidiary of the Great Western.

AUDIT SUSPENDED N. Y. STOCK FIRM

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—A committee representing the creditors of Houston, Fible & Co., suspended the Dec. 15, from membership in the New York stock exchange, planned to submit an audit of the company's affairs to a meeting of more than 100 creditors here today.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday. Rising temperature.

Highest temperature yesterday, 31; lowest last night, 23.

Wind-velocity at 7 a. m., 9 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

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Andrew Hamrick, Meteorologist.

GET M'KINNON HEADED FOR FEUD TRIAL

Former Mer Rouge Mayor Denied Habeas Corpus Release.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—Dr. B. M. McKinnon, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., today lost his fight for immediate release on habeas corpus proceedings. He was remanded "without prejudice" to give the Louisiana authorities opportunity to present their case.

Dr. McKinnon was arrested here last Tuesday at the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana, who accused him of murder in connection with the Morehouse parish kidnapping last August. Three judges of the Baltimore supreme bench sitting in city court denied Mr. McKinnon the right to bail.

A dispatch from Attorney General Cocco of Louisiana to State's Attorney Leech stated that Dr. McKinnon formally has been charged with the murder of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richards. The dispatch added that a deputy sheriff was on his way to Baltimore with the necessary papers in the case.

State May Show Hand.

Bastrop, La., Dec. 28.—Chief interest in the Morehouse kidnapping case was shifted today to New Orleans, where Governor John McEnery is expected to confer with Attorney General Cocco and Special Prosecutor St. Clair Adams, appointed by the governor to assist the federal officials in presenting the state's case at the opening hearing to be held here Jan. 5, to discuss policies to be adopted at the hearing.

A warrant for the arrest of Dr. B. M. McKinnon, who is held in Baltimore at the request of Governor Parker, was issued here yesterday on instructions from Attorney General Cocco. The issuance of the warrant, it was believed by state officials here, would make it necessary for the state to show its hand by producing whatever evidence it may have against the doctor in its attempt to have him brought to Louisiana. Advice from Bastrop, La., stated that requisition papers would be issued as soon as the warrant was received here.

The masked mob which kidnapped Daniels and Richards was composed of 75 men, according to one investigator. Members of the mob, investigators asserted, came from the parishes of Morehouse, Ouachita, West Carroll, Richland and Franklin; and from two counties in Arkansas. The identity of practically every member of the mob, it was said, is known to the authorities and it was expected that many more arrests in addition to those already made would follow as the investigation proceeds.

In Jail by Tuesday.

Special Deputy Sheriff L. E. Calhoun of Bastrop, who left here late yesterday for Baton Rouge to get requisition papers for the return of Dr. McKinnon, was expected to reach the capital this morning.

Sheriff Carpenter of Morehouse said the deputy would probably leave Baton Rouge tonight for Baltimore with the papers, and expressed the opinion that McKinnon would be in the parish jail here by Tuesday.

District Judge Odum today said no date had been set for a preliminary trial for former Deputy Sheriff Jeff Burnett, the first man arrested in the case. The open hearing is set for Jan. 6.

ROCKFORD BOY ELECTROCUTED

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 28.—Bernard Sczeszech, 9 years old, was electrocuted this morning while trying to suspend a wire swing from a street railway high tension line carrying 28,000 volts.

ONE FIREMAN IS DEAD; 18 HURT

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—One fireman was killed and 18 others injured following a 4-hour fight last night with a fire which gutted a 4-story building in the heart of the business district. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Political Spotlight Is on Woodrow Wilson Today as He Reaches 66th Birthday

Washington, Dec. 28.—His 66th birthday anniversary, Dec. 28, 1922, finds Woodrow Wilson again on the edge of the political spotlight.

Whether that spotlight again will swing to put the former president in the center of its radiance is to many the most engaging question before America today.

There seems little doubt that Wilson today is physically better than at any time since his collapse in 1919.

Though his left side still is partly paralyzed, Wilson now is able to stand without his cane and he even walks a few steps in his garden without its aid. His color is better. He has taken on weight.

Abreast of Affairs.

And there are evidences that his stronger physical condition is permitting a more active following of national affairs.

Wilson has been writing letters on public questions—notably on the late elections. Also his Armistice day speech to admirers gathered at his home revealed he does not yet concede defeat in the cause in which he sacrificed his health, and indicated his expectation that American participation in world affairs would become the dominating issue in 1924.

Wilson unquestionably is the leader of the Democratic party today. His hold on the minds and hearts of the rank and file of his party has been strengthened by his illness and by the difficulties in which the world has found itself the last two years.

Will Guide 1924 Policies.

It seems certain Wilson will lay down the lines on which the Democratic party will attempt its comeback in 1924 and that his influence on the choice of candidates will be most powerful.

"But for his remaining seated,"



WOODROW WILSON.

said Georges Clemenceau after his recent call on the ex-president, "he was the same Wilson I knew in Paris. Slightly fatter, nothing else. He showed himself thoroughly abreast of affairs."

Of Wilson's famous 14 points, his creed for establishing world peace, Clemenceau said:

"Yes, I mentioned them. And Wilson's face lit up. He was a firm believer in their ultimate triumph."

New Crisis Faces Near East Meet

Lausanne, Dec. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Near East conference was faced with a serious crisis today as the sharp and apparently irreconcilable conflict, between the English and Turks over the Mosul oil-fields reached a decisive stage.

Lord Curzon's statement that "the turning point of the conference had come," and that England would decline to continue the alleged controversy, was in direct conflict with Ismet Pasha's note asserting that the Turkish people had decided to "employ to the last limit of its forces all means to obtain the return of Mosul to the Motherland."

Between these two extremes there is a gulf which seems likely to be difficult, if not impossible for the conference to bridge.

Great uneasiness is manifest throughout conference circles because of the crisis, which with the unsettledness of the questions of the straits and minorities, is fast approaching a climax and that both sides are preparing for a final showdown.

The meeting of the commission of captulations failed to make progress at today's session. Some of the Allied delegations on leaving the hall said the conference had reached a deadlock pending the arrival of the new Turkish instructions from Ankara.

TEACHERS OF STATE DEMAND TAX REFORMS

Revaluation of All Property in Illinois Is Urged.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—A revaluation of all property in Illinois as to its fair value, the creation of a system of corporation taxes, and a general income tax were included in resolutions presented to the Illinois State Teachers' association in its 69th annual convention here today. The resolutions committee also was to urge the association to favor a \$20,000,000 state distributive fund.

Among other resolutions prepared by the resolutions committee under the direction of its chairman, O. L. Manchester of Normal, were the following:

Strengthening the certification requirements, giving more attention to matters of health and social hygiene in the schools; giving the teacher a permanent tenure of her position after three years' service; demanding the same measure of freedom for normal schools as is given the state university in expending appropriations made for specific purposes; making illegal interstate traffic of inflammable films.

Election of officers is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

WRECK INQUIRY HITS TRAINMEN

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—Violation of a rule of the railroad by the conductor, flagman and porter of one train, is held responsible for the near-disaster when two Rock Island passenger trains collided head-on at Mossville, near here, last Saturday. Only two slight injury claims resulted.

Official investigation of the wreck at Chicago, resulted in the dismissal of the conductor, flagman and porter, according to V. H. Hagelbarger, trainmaster of the Rock Island Lines, stationed at Peoria. The men belonged to the crew of No. 208, Chicago-bound, the other train being No. 207.

Leaders Put Question of U. S. Policy to President

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The pendulum swings strangely back today when in the midst of negotiations on the part of the chief executive with foreign governments that the famous round robin was signed by Republican senators warning Woodrow Wilson that the Versailles treaty wouldn't be ratified.

Today Senator Lodge, leader in the round robin episode, is pleading with Senator Borah of Idaho, another Republican, to let the president alone, to refrain from embarrassing him with resolutions that might be premature or might seem even remotely to commit him to a course of action which he might find it advantageous to America to postpone.

The explosion in the senate is not partisan, though the Democrats are standing by deriving considerable satisfaction out of the vindication of their position of the last three years on world affairs. It is a fundamental quarrel between

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JOHN SIEBRANDT KILLED INSTANTLY WHEN BROKEN GEAR DITCHES HIS AUTO

POLICE BLOCK BOMB PLOTS AT COLUMBUS, GA.

Wholesale Destruction Is Planned in Southern City.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Muscogee county grand jury convened today in extraordinary session to investigate the alleged bomb plot unearthed yesterday which caused the police to place guards around the homes of the five city commissioners, an apartment house and a large factory. The police reported there was no visible move by any alleged plotters last night.

The police continued today to round up suspects and it is said that they were ready to present to the grand jurors full details of the so-called plot, which they claimed had been formulated to bring about wholesale destruction here.

Marshal Morton, a city commissioner, in a statement last night claimed the alleged plotters had planned their first attack early today. He said he based his statement on what had taken place at a meeting of the alleged plotters held Tuesday night in a local cemetery.

In his statement he intimated that the authorities have the names of every man who attended the meeting. Another meeting had been planned for yesterday, but the activity of the police was believed to have called off this session.

Some time ago three men assaulted H. Gordon Hinkle, then acting city manager, and on the night of May 21, last, the home of Mayor Dimon was dynamited. These acts were regarded as a protest of the lawless element against the commission form of municipal government, and against the policy of law enforcement inaugurated.

On His Way to Moline on Business When Over-taken by Death.

John F. Siebrandt, 64 years, prominent Hillsdale farmer, was killed, and his brother, Martin Siebrandt, and nephew, Henry Schultz, were seriously injured, at 9:30 this morning when their automobile upset on the Hillsdale road, nine miles east of Waterville.

Mr. Siebrandt died fifteen or twenty minutes after the accident occurred, and before a physician reached the spot. Martin Siebrandt is in a critical condition because of shock. Whether or not he is internally injured has not been definitely determined. Mr. Schultz is in a dazed condition, but it is not believed that he is as seriously hurt as Martin Siebrandt. His left collar bone was fractured.

Coroner John F. Maberry conducted an inquest at the farm home of Ambrose Searl, near the site of the tragedy, and the jury returned a verdict that death was due to shock caused by internal injuries.

John Siebrandt was at the wheel of the Ford touring car, which, according to Schultz, was traveling at a slow rate of speed. They were driving to Moline to look after some business relative to the closing of the estate of Mrs. Emma Beller, sister to the Siebrandts, who died only last week.

Schultz says that the accident happened so quickly that he did not know what occurred. It appears that the front wheels locked and turned the car completely over. The steering wheel was broken, and it is believed that John Siebrandt received the fatal injuries when he was thrown against the wheel as the machine upset. The automobile was badly damaged.

S. R. Grinde, 536 Forty-fifth street, Rock Island, was the first to reach the scene of the accident. He said that Schultz was bent over the limp form trying to rouse the man, and that Martin Siebrandt was attempting to raise himself to his feet from a position near the rear of the car.

John Siebrandt was carried into the home of Ambrose Searl about 200 yards away, and he breathed his last as his clothes were being removed from his body. Martin Siebrandt and Schultz were assisted into the house, where their injuries were cared for by Dr. J. M. Bruner of Port Byron.

Shock Causes Death.

There were no exterior marks on the body, Dr. Bruner said, and he gave his opinion that death was caused by shock of internal injuries.

Schultz said that he and Martin Siebrandt were in the back seat of the machine talking. He told the jury that he did not realize what happened until he found himself on the ground.

John F. Siebrandt was born in Hampton township on Jan. 27, 1859. He had resided on a farm in the upper end of Rock Island all his life. By thrift and hard work he and his brothers had acquired land holdings of considerable proportions in the upper section of the county, and had risen to a place high in the estimation of the community.

Mr. Siebrandt was never married. He is survived by two brothers, Martin and Albert, of Hillsdale, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Heerin of Port Byron and Mrs. Anna Slecken of East Moline.

STAR DESERTS MOTHER'S HOME

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actress, has left the home of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, and has set up her own establishment, according to a story printed in the Los Angeles Times today. A report is current, according to the Times, that "mother and daughter have quarreled."

Interviewed at her new home, Miss Minter said her mother was "ideal," but admitted:

"It is true, we have quarreled, but we had only motherly and daughterly quarrels, such as happen in any family. I wanted a home of my own where I could do the funny little things I like to do, and I got me one."

Miss Minter said she would be 21 years old next April. At the Shelby residence, inquiries about Miss Minter met with the statement, "She was out on location."

RIVER MAN ENDS LIFE WITH GUN

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Ira E. Spangler, manager of the Decker Manufacturing company and prominent in Mississippi river motor boating affairs, shot and killed himself last night.

ANOTHER SAFE IS ROBBED AT PEORIA

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—Robbers continuing their holiday offense here wrecked the safe at a postal sub-station in the H. J. Littlefield drug store and escaped with \$60 in cash and stamps last night. The robbers also took toilet articles and cigarets valued at \$100.

DREAMS SHE IS ON FIRE; WAKES UP; IT IS TRUE

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mary Richards today believes in dreams. Last night she fell asleep by a stove and dreaming that she was engulfed by flames, threw up her hands to protect herself. Her hands were burned by real flames and she was awakened in time to save her life. Her hair was badly singed.

JONESBORO, ILL., SWEEPED BY FIRE

Jonesboro, Ill., Dec. 28.—Seven business establishments here were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin last night. The property loss was estimated at more than \$50,000. Fire departments of Ames, Carbondale and Murphysboro were called.

PHOTOS SHOW ATOMS SHOOT THROUGH AIR

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—Dr. W. D. Harkins of the University of Chicago, in a paper delivered yesterday before the American Physical society, held that he, in collaboration with others, had obtained 10,000 photographs showing the tracks produced by atoms shooting through the air at a speed 30,000 times faster than the swiftest rifle bullet.